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Health Resources and Services Administration

Supplement for Zika Response, a Single-Award Deviation from Competition Requirements for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation Cooperative Agreement

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA announces the award of a supplement in the amount of \$350,000 for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) cooperative agreement. The purpose of the NCMHI cooperative agreement is to support a national resource and assistance effort to implement and spread the medical home model to all children and youth, particularly children with special health care needs (CSHCN), children who are vulnerable and/or medically underserved, and pediatric populations served by state public health programs, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), and HRSA. The supplement will permit the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the cooperative agreement awardee, during the budget period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, to enhance their capacity to provide technical assistance and health professional education to increase the clinical expertise of pediatric health care professionals, including safety net providers, to more effectively serve as the medical home and provide family-centered, comprehensive, coordinated, and culturally-effective care for Zika-affected

children and their families.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intended Recipient of the Award: The American Academy of Pediatrics

Amount of Non-Competitive Awards: \$350,000

Period of Supplemental Funding: 7/1/2016-6/30/2017

CFDA Number: 93.110

Authority: Social Security Act, Title V, sections 501(a)(1)(D) and 501(a)(2), (42 U.S.C.

701(a)(1)(D) and 701(a)(2)

JUSTIFICATION: Zika virus infection during pregnancy dramatically increases the risk of

birth defects. Microcephaly has been linked to Zika virus infection during pregnancy, and the

extent of other possible birth defects is unclear. As of August 25, 2016, there are 624 pregnant

women in the 50 states and the District of Columbia reported to have the Zika virus infection. In

Puerto Rico, over 600 pregnant women have been reported to have the Zika virus infection as a

result of exposure to the Zika virus during pregnancy. However, pediatric specialty expertise to

care for their babies is limited. Currently, no network exists to link providers caring for these

patients with those who have relevant expertise or experience in managing infants and children

of women exposed to Zika virus during pregnancy. Discussions of developmental screening,

clinical management, and family support approaches will help clinicians serving this population,

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thereby increasing access to well-coordinated, family-centered care and management in a medical home for children and families impacted by Zika-related complications.

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			FY 2016	FY 2016
Grantee/Organization	Grant			
		State	Authorized	Estimated
Name	Number			
			Funding	Funding for

			Level	this
				Supplement
The American	U43MC09134	IL	\$1,300,031	\$350,000
Academy of				
Pediatrics				

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James Macrae

Acting Administrator

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